Change of Name of 'Ahmedabad' to 'Karnavati'

3881. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendation from the State Government of Gujarat to change the name of Ahmedabad city to Karnavati;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that name of the city is proposed to be changed only because it has been named after a Muslim ruler;

(d) if so, the justification therefor;

(e) whether Government are aware that Ahmedabad was never known as Karnavati in the past rather a cantonment area nearby was known as Karnavati; and

(f) if so, whether Govememnt propose to reject the suggestion of the State Government which has a religious bias in it?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (f) The State Government of Gujarat has sent a proposal to change the name of Ahmedabad city to Karnavati. The proposal is under examination in the light of the existing guidelines on the subject.

Smuggling at Kutch Border

3882. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past, arms and narcotics smuggling through the Kutch border in Gujarat has increased manifold particularly after the international border in Punjab have been sealed and fencing of border in Rajasthan is nearing completion;

(b) if so, the details of cases detected, quantities of arms and narcotics nabbed and confiscated and number of smugglers arrested on Kutch border during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the preventive measures being taken by Government to contain smuggling at Kutch border?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No perceptible increase in the smuggling of arms and narcotics has been noticed in the recent past on the Kutch border after erection of fencing on Punjab and Rajasthan border. The year-wise details of cases registered, arms and narcotics seized and no. of smugglers arrested are as under:—

Year	No. of cases registered	Seizures made		Arrest of smugglers
		Arms	Narcotics	
199S	2	AK Rifle (6 Nos) Assault Rifle-I	-Charas (24 kgs)	
1996	1	—	Heroin (1 kg)	—
1997	2	Pistols (China made-19) Revolver (Pak made-D	Charas (4.8 kg.) Charas (131 kg)	—